(b) The proposal envisages import of raw materials worth Rs. 8.60 crores during the first 5 years of production.

(c) and (d) The Corporation has stated that the raw materials proposed to be imported are only those which are not being manufactured indigenously and which are being imported by the existing soft drink industry. These will include items such as natural essential oils, colanut extract, gun arabica and other ingredients presently not available in the country. The Corporation has also stated that as and when these raw materials are produced indigenously of appropriate quality standards they will reduce their import accordingly.

Protest against the entry of Pepsi Gola

646. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Perfumes and Flavour Association of India has protested against the proposed entry of Pepsi Cola into India; and

(b) if so, what items M/s. Pepsi propose to import which the industry in India cannot supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Three firms namely, M/s. Saiba Industries Private Limited, Bombay, M/s. Robin Chemicals (Private) Limited, Madras, and M/s. Bush Boake Allen (India) Limited, Madras, belonging to the Perfume and Flavour Industry, have represented against the proposal for import of "Proprietory Ingredients" by the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for manufacture of soft drink concentrate.

(b) The Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has stated that the raw materials proposed to be imported are those which are not being manufactured indigenously and which are already being imported by the existing soft drink industry. These will include items such as natural peel oil, cola nut extract, gum arabica and other ingredients presently not available indigenously. The Corporation has also stated that as and when these raw materials are produced indigenously of appropriate quality standards they will reduce their imports accordingly. It may be added that Government has not yet taken a decision on the proposal of the Corporation and that import of raw materials in all cases will be regulated in accordance with the import policy prevailing from time to time.

Four wheeler Gypsy by Maruti Udyog Ltd.

647. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Limited has decided to discontinue manufacture of four-wheel drive Gypsy and instead trying to develop a 1000-c.c. car which will be fitted with gypsy engines; if so, the reasons therefor and what has been the sale record of gypsy; and

(b) whether Maruti Udyog Ltd. is preparing to launch a 400-c.c. car soon; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Appointment of whole time Chief Electoral Officers

648. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has suggested to Government for the appointment of whole time Chief Electoral Officers to the States to strengthen the election machinery and whether the Commission has also suggested the filling up of gaps in the election law by introducing